

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Spanish)

Monday-Friday...8:00 a.m. (*Chapel*)

Tuesday....7:00 p.m. (Spanish); Second **Sunday of each month**...3:30 (Kiswahili)

Holydays.....8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (*Church*)

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only

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Office of Faith Formation: 732-968-2621, ext. 13; stjohnpcl@gmail.com

For Pastoral Emergencies, please call: 732-968-2621, ext. 12

PARISH REGISTRATION: All families and individuals within the canonical bound areas of St. John the Evangelist are invited to register by contacting the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chapel. You are invited to visit as your schedule permits. If you wish to be a regularly scheduled adorer, please contact the Parish Office. During Lent, Adoration takes place on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Baptisms will not be performed during Lent. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for parents having their child baptized and is recommended for godparents. For more information and to register for Pre-baptism class, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Common Policy among the Dioceses in New Jersey recommends preparing for your wedding at least one year in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room of the Church or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Sponsor Eligibility: Godparents/Sponsor eligibility certificates are available for registered parishioners by calling the Parish Office. Godparents/Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and, if married, are in a marriage recognized by the Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is available for registered parish families with children in Grades 1-8. As the Primary Catechists of their children, parents are prepared and supported to lead their children in faith at home. Meetings are twice a month, one for parents only to prepare for monthly activity lessons and one for parents and children to grow in community. Sacramental reception years (2nd and 8th grade) have additional Sunday meetings to prepare for receiving First Reconciliation/Holy Communion and Confirmation. To register or for more information, please call the Office of Faith Formation.

MASS INTENTIONS



The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 5

8:00 a.m. George & Anna Panichikkattu
by Jimmy Joy

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cole by Dale Gilson
7:00 p.m. Los niños y niñas del mundo entero
by Anonymous

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Edward A. Flanagan
by Rosemary Wah

Thursday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Christopher Quinn by loving family

Friday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Jacob Panichikkattu by Jimmy Joy

Saturday, January 10

5:00 p.m. Anthony & Josephine Szulczewski
by the Szulczewski family

Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Anita M. Maier
by George & Rosemary Deene
10:30 a.m. Stephen Zullo
by Jeffrey & Mary Plaza
Noon Miguel Porras Arias
by Eugenio & Theresa Porras

*Please pray for the sick members
of our parish: Louis Capozzi,
Cathy Sloomaker, MaryAnn
Briones, Joan Rabouin, Barry
Gittens*



Padrinos de Bautismo Y Confirmacion:

La ley eclesiástica manda que los padrinos para el bautismo y confirmación, deben ser católicos confirmados y activos en la parroquia, o sea que asistan a la misa dominical, ayudan al mantenimiento de la Iglesia, este casado/y por la Iglesia; si es soltero/a no debe estar en unión libre. Debe vivir una vida de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Solo Podemos entregar cartas a parroquianos que viven de acuerdo con estas normas.

Bautismos:

Los Bautismos en español son celebrados en el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:15 PM. No se celebran bautismos durante la Cuaresma. Para hacer arreglos para los bautismos en español, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si la secretaria no puede contestar en ese momento, le puede dejar un mensaje con su número de teléfono para llamarle luego.

Formacion Religiosa–Catecismo:

Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y quiere inscribir a su niño/a en las clases de catecismo, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

RICA:

Adultos que deseen convertirse a la religión católica o que necesiten recibir Primera Comunión y o Confirmación, deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de adultos

Matrimonios:

Los arreglos para la fecha de casamiento se deben hacer un ano por anticipado, antes de hacer los arreglos sociales. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

Ministerio de Visitar a Los Enfermos:

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si es una emergencia (en peligro de muerte) después de horas de oficina, llamar al número 732-968-2621, ex. 2.

Confesiones en Español:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuníquese con él.

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves se comensara a las 6:45 pm con el Santo Rosario en la Capilla. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2025
Sunday, December 28**

**The collection and expense amounts for this week were not available at the time of publication.*

Online Giving

Have you tried our new Parish online giving system? There are three ways to give through Tithe.ly:

- *Through our website
- *through our Facebook page
- *using the Tithe.ly mobile giving App

When giving Tithe.ly you can donate by credit/debit card or bank transfer. You can also select "reoccurring gift" to automate your regular weekly offering so that it is donated automatically on a schedule that you choose. As with any automated service there is a small transaction fee for the church. You have the option to select "cover the fee" to make this transaction fee a part of your tax deductible gift. If you need assistance setting up a gift or learning how to use Tithe.ly email stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Give the Gift of Faith

Churches are dependent upon the generosity of others to fulfill their mission of spreading the Good News as mandated by Christ on the day of his Ascension. To perpetuate our church's mission in our area, please consider putting St. John the Evangelist Church in your will.

Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist in Dunellen are dedicated to nurturing all who gather in faith. We offer inclusive opportunities for worship, prayer, lifelong learning, spiritual growth and fellowship, embracing people from every background as we journey together in devotion to God.

Vision Statement

We envision a vibrant, outward-facing parish that radiates our Catholic faith through visible presence in the wider community. Anchored in fellowship and service, we aim to reflect God's love in all we do.

MASSES DURING
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sunday, January 4, 2026
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Regular Mass Schedule



Sunday, January 11, 2026
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After this feast we start the ordinary
time of the year



**2026 Casino Night
SAVE THE DATE!**

St. John's Casino Night will take place on Valentine's Day, **Saturday, February 14, 2026**. Ticket sales will begin in January. We are currently accepting donations of Gift Cards to be used as prizes. You can drop them off at the office, or put them in the basket in an envelope marked "Casino Night donation". If you are interested in Sponsoring, please go to the parish website for more details.



Prayers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are

currently serving in the Military:

- U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Michael Bartilotti**
- U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney**
- U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Ed Sella**
- U.S. Marine Mer. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak**
- U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Dante Parente**
- U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Casey Wenzel**
- U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco**
- U.S. Marine Sgt. Stephen Wright**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**
- U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Dylan Kolakowski**
- U.S. Air Force, Capt. Michael Nielsen**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Daniel Hernandez**
- U.S. Air Force A1C Francis Reilly**
- U.S. Navy HSM3 Gael Luna Saavedra**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



**January 4, 2026
Epiphany of the Lord**

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Create a Franciscan at Home account

1. Search: Franciscan at Home
2. Select: ‘Partnering Dioceses’ at the top of the screen on the home page.
3. Select: ‘Diocese of Metuchen’ from the pull-down menu OR type in ‘Metuchen’ to launch the Landing Page for the Diocese of Metuchen.
4. The Diocese of Metuchen’s Landing Page will appear. Click on the blue button with the label: “My parish or school is already registered...”
5. A “Create a New Account” page requesting information will appear. Fill out the information and click on the green “Create a New Account” button at the bottom of the screen.
6. The “Sign up for Free through your Institution” screen will pop up. Select “Diocese of Metuchen” and select your parish from the successive pull-down menus.
7. Navigate to your Dashboard and to begin utilizing Franciscan at Home.

Contact: Jill Kerekes,
jkerekes@diometuchen.org
732-529-7930

2026 Diocesan Youth Day
Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, NJ. With keynote speaker *Monét Souza!*

8th-12th grade teens will meet for a Holy Spirit filled day of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Live Music, Talks from speaker *Monét Souza*, Food, Games and more!

Sign up Link:
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Br1QoQ?vid=1n5epj>

The Adopt a Priest Program

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way: **O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father _____ (mention your adopted Priest's Name). Amen.**

If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

El "Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote" es estrictamente un compromiso espiritual para orar y ofrecer los sacrificios requeridos por el deber diario de uno, para atraer gracias para un sacerdote en particular, por el resto de su vida. Es un compromiso de por vida. Esto se puede hacer simplemente rezando la "Ofrenda de la Mañana" de esta manera: **Oh Dios mío, a través del Inmaculado Corazón de María y del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, te ofrezco todas mis oraciones, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos de este día, en unión con el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en todo el mundo, en reparación por mis pecados, los pecados de todo el mundo y especialmente por mi Sacerdote adoptivo, Padre _____ (mencione el nombre de su sacerdote adoptivo). Amén.** Si su sacerdote muere, continúe orando por él. Si uno muere primero, ciertamente no dejarás de orar por él hasta que ambos se encuentren en el cielo. Santa Teresita, la Pequeña Flor, adoptó dos sacerdotes misioneros de esta manera. Esto es muy poderoso. Hace que las pequeñas cosas que hacemos valgan infinitamente la pena. Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **January 30 – February 1, 2026.** All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, as always, news@catholicspirit.com.



**2025 – 2026
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

January Dates 2026

- 4 10:30 AM Youth mass
11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 5 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 1 First Com
prep, • Monday Parents, • Year 2 First
Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 12 6:30 PM to 8 PM FIRST COM
RETREAT
• Year 1 First Com prep, • Year 2 First
Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 18 11:30 AM to 1PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 25 9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class

*****A NEW CALENDAR has been
uploaded to the website. Please
download at your earliest
convenience*****

If you have prayer cards, rosary or any other
religious items, please share with our Faith
Formation Families. Drop off at Parish
Center office or mail slot.

**Email Alice Fogarty
at stjohnpcl@gmail.com**



**Entering the house
they found the child
with Mary, his mother.**

**Formación en la Fe Familiar
2025-2026**

Fechas de enero 2026

- 4 10:30 AM Misa juvenil 11:30 AM
a 13:00 • Confirmación de 2º
- 5 6:30 PM a 8 PM • Preparación de
Primer Curso de Primaria, •
Padres de lunes • Preparación de
Primer Come, • Confirmación de
Primer Año de Año 1 •
Confirmación de Primer Año
- 12 6:30 PM a 8 PM PRIMER
RETIRO COM
• Preparación para Primer Come,
• Preparación para Primer
Primer Año 2, • Confirmación
para Primer Año
- 18 11:30 AM a 1 • Confirmación del
segundo año
- 25 de 9:15 a 10 AM Clase Familiar

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CALENDARIO a la página v
Por favor, descárgalo en cu
sea posible*****

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rosario o cualquier otro objeto
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con nuestras Familias de
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